

# RHIC & AGS Users' Executive Committee Proposed Changes to Charter

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# Proposed Changes to RHIC & AGS Users Group Charter

1. Elections I: Resolving elections that result in a tie vote.
2. Elections II: Add more inclusive language to description of candidates for vice-chair and User Executive Committee members.
3. Replace a member of the UEC who leaves before the end of his or her term.

# Elections I Resolving a Tie

- Present Language:

## 2. Officers:

a. The officers of the Group are the Chair, Chair-elect, and the Past Chair. The Chair will serve as the executive officer of the Group. A Chair-elect shall be elected by plurality vote of the membership every year, and will assume the Chair's duties after one year. The Past Chair will assist the Chair for one year after their tenure as Chair. At least two candidates for the Chair-elect shall be presented by a Nominating Committee.

- Proposed Change:

If the election results in a tie, a runoff election will be held and the candidate receiving a plurality of the votes will be elected.

# Elections II More Inclusive

- Present Language:

The Nominating Committee is charged with preparing a slate of candidates for election of the Chair-elect, and Executive Committee members. The slate should reflect a balance of interests among active fields of research at the BNL facilities.

- Proposed Change:

The Nominating Committee is charged with preparing a slate of candidates for election of the Chair-elect, and Executive Committee members. The slate should reflect a balance of interests, institutions, and nationalities among active fields of research at the BNL facilities.

- Reason for change: fairness; UEC more representative of Users; insight into particular concerns of non-US Users

# Midterm Changes in UEC Membership

- Occasionally a UEC member will resign mid-term. The present charter does not address this situation. However, an older draft of the charter contained this provision (emphasis is original):
  - a. The officers of the Group are the Chair, Chair-elect, and the Past Chair. The Chair will serve as the executive officer of the Group. A Chair-elect shall be elected by plurality vote of the membership every year, and will assume the duties of the Chair in the second year following his election. The Past Chair will assist the Chair in his duties for one year after his tenure as Chair. At least two candidates for the Chair shall be presented by a Nominating Committee and/or by nomination from the floor. When necessary, the Chair shall have the power to fill vacancies occurring between meetings.
- Proposal: This provision should be reinstated.